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Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH Testimony Against Raised H.B. No. 6949 AN ACT
CONCERNING CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

Senator Terry Gerratana, Representative Matt Ritter and members of Public Health Committee.

I strongly oppose proposed bill HB 6949 regarding religious exemption to vaccination.

This is a violation of the Connecticut Constitution where section 20 states: "No person shall be denied the equal protection of the law nor be subjected to **segregation or discrimination** in the exercise or enjoyment of his civil or political rights because of religion, race, color, ancestry or national origin."

This bill supports withholding a child's access to education if parents do comply. Forcing a citizen to notarize a document that states they understand they are putting their child and others at risk due to their religious beliefs, constitutes religious persecution.

Please oppose this bill.

Yours sincerely

Sue Amis

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